

WASH YOUR CAR AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

Washing your car on the lawn may irritate some of your neighbors because it's unusual. But it is better for the environment than washing it on your driveway.

Why is it better?

The products that we use to wash our cars are harmful to aquatic life and can impact water quality. When washing cars on a paved area, the wash water, which contains soap and detergent, residues from car parts, gasoline, and motor oil, runs off the cars, and flows across the pavement and into a storm drain, which leads to our streams. So if you must wash your car at home, don't do it on a paved driveway or on the street, wash it on the grass instead, by doing so you are providing a filter for the soapy water. Grass and other plants absorb the chemicals, reducing the amount of pollutants that ends up in the storm drain system.

Use a Commercial Car Wash.

Most commercial car washes use less water during the entire washing process than a home wash uses just to rinse off a car. They conserve water by using special nozzles that add air, creating high power water pressure. Not only do they save water, but the water used is filtered, treated to remove contaminants and then goes through the sanitary sewer system, not down the storm drains.

So next time you see a dirty car, don't write "wash me on it" write "take me to the car wash".

